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In re Patent Application of:  
Raphael F. Meloul

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Art Unit: N/A

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For: **SAFETY NEEDLE AND SHIELD USED TO  
ADMINISTER MEDICATION AND TO  
DRAW BLOOD**

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.



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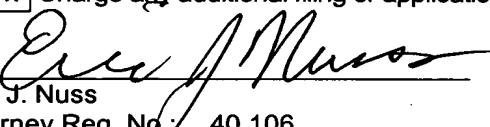
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